

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
BROECKEL et al.) Mail Stop: RCE
) Art Unit: 1761
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants herein submit the present amendment with a Request for Continued Examination:

REMARKS

The pending claims are 1-2, 4-19, 21-25. Claims 23-25 newly have been added.

Applicant believe claims 23-25 are novel and nonobvious over the prior art since they contain new limitations which are neither taught nor suggested by the cited references.

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